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Re Bureau letter to Memphis 3/27/69 captioned as above.

In the future information concerning the Invaders will be submitted in report form. A tickler has been set up to submit next report six months from last LHM, 3/3/69, and this will be submitted by 9/3/69.

Expeditious pertinent information will be submitted in teletype or airtel form. There has been no recent pertinent information concerning the Invaders which it has been felt should be submitted in this form.

With regard to literature published by the Invaders by the Invaders due to definite confusion in its ranks there has been no literature published in approximately two months. The Memphis Office has alerted all sources and informants to immediately furnish any information published by the Invaders in order that copies thereof can be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

With regard to key officers, this office has submitted reports concerning most of them recommending them for Security Index and Agitator Index and is in the process of writing reports concerning the other officers.

An up-to-date characterization of the Invaders is being submitted and will be submitted under separate cover.

It is realized that much of the information concerning the Invaders has been received from Memphis Police Department sources [redacted] who have operated under cover in the Invader ranks. Much corroborative

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Information has been received primarily from [redacted] and [redacted] with a limited amount of information coming from [redacted]

This office is cognizant of the need of developing further in depth penetration of the Invaders by Bureau informants and every effort will be made in this regard.

It is anticipated that in the immediate future a series of in depth interviews will be had with various key Invader members [redacted].

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Arrangements have already been made to review toll calls on the Invaders' telephone at 271 Vance, their headquarters. To date no pertinent calls have been located.

The Memphis Police Department through its source [redacted] is getting direct information concerning the Invaders' finances since their bank account is in the Tri-State Bank, the only all Negro bank in Memphis, Tennessee. It is felt indiscreet at this point for this Bureau to make any efforts to monitor the bank account. In addition, the same information which would be obtained from reviewing the bank account is being made available directly to the Memphis Police Department which is sharing this information with this Bureau.

Cooperative reporters on the Commercial Appeal, daily morning newspaper, and the Press Scimitar, daily afternoon newspaper, Memphis, have written a series of stories pointing out the violence-prone nature of the Invaders, their vent toward engaging in criminal activities, these stories being written in vane to tend to discredit the Invaders in the community.

Ironically, in talking with numerous black sources, including informants, liaison sources with groups sponsoring integration, and others, they point out that as far as the Negro community is concerned, such stories have little effect. In fact, while the individual Negro reader may not personally agree with the tactics employed by such groups as the Invaders, they subconsciously resent the white power structure and news media attempting to castigate or ridicule the Invaders, and in many instances these Negroes feel that such stories hurt rather than help.

All sources have been alerted to attempt to pinpoint any actual proof that employees of the AME Church are giving financial support to the Invaders and if such proof is forthcoming separate communication will be written to the Bureau concerning any possible counterintelligence action which might be instituted with certain AME high church officials in this regard.

This office will continue to be alert for possible evidences of Federal violations on the part of the Invaders. To date such violations have been in the Selective Service category, and of significance is the fact that CHARLES CABBAGE, one of the original co-founders of the Invaders,

was recently convicted in Federal Court, Memphis, charged with violation of Selective Service laws in that he refused to report for armed forces induction in May 1968. He is currently on bond on appeal. Sentence has not as yet been passed, although information received from BOBBY VAUGHN, U. S. Probation Officer, indicates that Federal Judge BAILEY BROWN will in all probability levy a severe sentence against CABBAGE.

This office is continuing to be alert for the development of any information concerning any formal tieups or affiliation on the part of the Invaders with any outside groups such as Black Panthers, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Republic for new African Movement, or similar organizations.